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SUBJECT: NETO MESSAGE TO BONGO

REF: LIBREVILLE 1794 (NOTAL)

1. MAJOR (COMMANDANT) ALEXANDRE RODRIGUES, INSPECTOR OF ANGOLAN ARMED FORCES AND MEMBER OF MPLA CENTRAL COMMITTEE, ARRIVED LIBREVILLE JUNE 29 WITH MESSAGE FOR OAU CHAIRMAN BONGO FROM PRESIDENT NETO. FOLLOWING RODRIGUES' AUDIENCE WITH BONGO FOLLOWING DAY AND IN DEPARTURE FROM USUAL PROCEDURE, GABONESE MADE PUBLIC NETO MESSAGE WHICH WAS READ OVER JUNE 30 EVENING NEWSCAST BY SECRETARY OF STATE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY NGOMO-OBIANG. MOST INTERESTING POINT WAS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ANGOLA "HAS DECIDED" TO REMOVE ALL 250,00 ZAIRIAN REFUGEES RESIDING IN
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PROVINCES ADJACENT TO ZAIRE FOR RESETTLEMENT IN INTERIOR UNDER JOINT SUPERVISION OF UN AND OAU.

2. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION MOST IMPORTANT

PINTS ANGOLAN DECLARATION:

-----"....ANGOLA...SEEKS...ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRANK AND

SINCERE COOPERATION WITH ZAIRE, UNDER MUTUAL RESPECT OF

THE SACRED PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE
IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE OTHER."

-----"...ANGOLA NEITHER ARMED NOR TRAINED ANY EXPEDITION
AGAINST ZAIRE. OUR SOVIET AND CUBAN ALLIES...DID NOT
INTERVEN IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER ON ANGOLAN TERRITORY
TO PROVOKE THE REBELLION IN SHABA."

-----"TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SITUATION, AND IN ORDER TO
PROVE TO ALL AFRICA ITS GOOD WILL, THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC
OF ANGOLA HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM SHABA BORDER ZONES
250,000 ZAIRIAN REFUGEES WHO ARE IN THE PROVINCES OF
LUANDA AND MOXICO AND TO PUT THEM INTO THE INTERIOR OF
ANGOLA. BETTER, THE PEOPLE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA PLACES
THESE REFUGEES UNDER THE JOINT CONTROL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. IN ORDER
TO DO THIS ANGOLA PUTS ITSELF AT THE TOTAL DISPOSAL
OF THE OAU CHAIRMAN."

3. COMMENT: RODRIGUES IS PRESUMABLY THE ANGOLAN "GENERAL"
PRES. BONGO SPOKE ABOUT TO AMBASSADOR (REFTEL). MEDIA DID
NOT MENTION GABONESE REACTION, BUT IF BONGO RUNS TRUE TO
FORM, RODRIGUES NO DOUBT FOUND SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS HERE. TIENKEN

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